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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 75

Introduced by Senators Alquist, Figueroa, and Kehoe
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Saldana)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 75—Relative to the Girl Scouts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 75, as amended, Alquist. Girl Scouts.

This measure would commend the Girl Scouts for 94 years of service and for inspiring millions of girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, and patriotism *confidence, courage, and character*.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Sunday, March 12, 2006, marks the 94th
2 anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl
5 Scouts with just 18 girls and a dream in which she envisioned
6 “something for all the girls,” to enable them to better serve their
7 communities, experience the outdoors, and contribute to national
8 and international social development; and

9 WHEREAS, Ninety-four years later, her efforts are
10 responsible for creating the largest girl-serving organization in
11 the world with membership surpassing 2.8 million nationally, of
12 which ~~343,000~~ 225,000 are girls in California; and

13 WHEREAS, Nationwide ~~233,000~~ 236,000 troops provide
14 opportunities for girls between 5 and 17 years of age to discover
15 the fun, friendship, and power of girls together, as Daisy Girl

1 Scouts, Brownie Girl Scouts, Junior Girl Scouts, Cadette Girl
2 Scouts, and Senior Scouts; and

3 WHEREAS, During the 1960s, the Girl Scouts began
4 programs and projects focused on overcoming prejudice and
5 building relationships with those of all ages, religions, classes,
6 and races; and

7 WHEREAS, That same social consciousness continues today
8 as the Girl Scouts promote the ideals of acceptance,
9 understanding, cultural awareness, and tolerance; and

10 ~~WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts is an organization with a proud~~
11 ~~history of inclusion and acceptance, and has historically~~
12 ~~promoted diversity in its membership by accepting all girls and~~
13 ~~women, regardless of their religion, nationality, economic~~
14 ~~background, or sexual orientation; and~~

15 WHEREAS, In addition to their focus on the world around
16 them, the Girl Scouts strive to develop each girl's potential
17 through skill building, technological awareness, self-esteem and
18 image promotion, and countless other opportunities that motivate
19 and empower girls to grow and become leaders in their own
20 right; and

21 WHEREAS, Because of this focus, Girl Scouts will lead
22 businesses and communities and take active roles in
23 mathematics, science, technology, and the arts and are striving to
24 fulfill our country's economic needs; and

25 WHEREAS, One in four American women has been a Girl
26 Scout and the organization is committed to outreach efforts
27 ~~reflective of their theme "Girl Scouting: For Every Girl,~~
28 ~~Everywhere"; and representing its reputation as the premier~~
29 ~~voice for girls and an expert on their growth and development;~~
30 ~~and~~

31 WHEREAS, Some 50 million women have enjoyed the
32 benefits of the Girl Scout program, as an American tradition, for
33 94 years; and

34 WHEREAS, Of the 37 women currently serving in the
35 California Legislature, at least 11 were members of, or leaders in,
36 the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, including
37 Assembly Members Chu, Daucher, Karnette, Lieber, Pavley, and
38 Runner, and Senators Alquist, Bowen, Escutia, Migden, and
39 Romero; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature acknowledges with
3 pride the significant role the Girl Scouts has played in mentoring
4 young women throughout California and the nation, as an
5 organization “where girls grow strong”; and be it further

6 *Resolved,* That the Legislature commends the Girl Scouts of
7 the United States of America for 94 years of service and for
8 inspiring millions of girls with the highest ideals of ~~character,~~
9 ~~conduct, and patriotism~~ *confidence, courage, and character;* and
10 be it further

11 *Resolved,* That the Legislature encourages the people of
12 California to participate in activities and celebrations appropriate
13 to this occasion; and be it further

14 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
15 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.